Maine Revised Statutes

Title 33: PROPERTY

Chapter 20: IMPROVIDENT TRANSFERS OF TITLE HEADING: PL 1987, c. 699, §1 (new)

§1021. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [1987, c. 699, §1 (NEW).]

- **1. Dependent.** "Dependent," with respect to an elderly person, means wholly or partially dependent upon one or more other persons for care or support, either emotional or physical, because the elderly person:
 - A. Suffers from a significant limitation in mobility, vision, hearing, emotional or mental functioning or the ability to read or write; or [1987, c. 699, §1 (NEW).]
 - B. Is suffering or recovering from a major illness or is facing or recovering from major surgery. [1987, c. 699, $\S1$ (NEW).]

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[ 1987, c. 699, §1 (NEW) .]
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2. Elderly person. "Elderly person" means a person who is 60 years of age or older.

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[ 1987, c. 699, §1 (NEW) .]
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3. **Independent counsel.** "Independent counsel" means an attorney retained by the elderly dependent person to represent only that person's interests in the transfer.

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[ 1987, c. 699, §1 (NEW) .]
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4. **Less than full consideration.** "Less than full consideration," with respect to a transfer of property, means the transferee pays less than fair market value for the property or the transfer is supported by past consideration.

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[ 1987, c. 699, §1 (NEW) .]
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5. **Major transfer of personal property or money.** "Major transfer of personal property or money" means a transfer of money or items of personal property which represent 10% or more of the elderly dependent person's estate.

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[ 1987, c. 699, §1 (NEW) .]
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6. Transfer. "Transfer" does not include testamentary transfers, which are outside the scope of this chapter.

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[ 1989, c. 238, §1 (NEW) .]

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